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1. There is a definite divergence of opinion between Russian army personnel and civilian personnel, although the latter might also be serving in the army. [redacted] gained the impression that regular army officers are more capable, better trained, and intellectually more adaptable than civilians who have been commissioned in the army. This becomes especially evident in discussions on political questions and in conversations on the Russian attitude towards the peoples of Central Europe. The regular army officer personnel can adapt itself much more easily to Central European conditions and is much more critical of the Russian way of doing things than the civilian personnel in officer status in the army.

2. The attitude as described [redacted] is roughly this:

- a. Civilian personnel in army officer status consists usually of trusted citizens and [redacted] that most of them are members of the Communist Party. (A Russian will not tell you whether or not he is a member of the Communist Party). These officers are doctrinaire, still distrust the Germans, and believe that the Russians should convert the world to Communism from Russia, but should not expose themselves by spreading out over Europe. This personnel is vehemently opposed to sending German technicians to Russia, is against Germans being employed in positions of high importance, and believes in strict supervision of all labor in Germany. Their attitude on Communism cannot be argued; they embrace it like a religion and the comparative comforts of the working class in Central Europe does

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not make any impression on them. They are extremely distrustful of the Western Powers and afraid of the aggressive danger of Capitalism.

- b. The Russian regular army officers are, for the most part, better educated, have enjoyed both elementary and high school educations and their technical training has been more detailed than the technical training of civilian engineers. They are more adaptable to conditions than the civilian officers and there is a marked hostility between the civilian officers and the regular army officers, often bordering on disdain on the part of the army officers. Army officers often regard civilian officers with distrust, suspecting in each of them a MVD agent.
- c. The Red Army instigated a deportation of scientists to Russia and also promoted the employment of German specialists in the development of weapons and special devices. They believe in exploiting the German technical abilities and are willing to treat them as equals because of their knowledge.
- d. The regular Army officers are very critical of the Communist Party, the system of government, the system of political secret police controls, the working conditions of the Russian workers, and the living conditions in Russia. They criticize the Russian government openly and are strong supporters of the theory that Russia should avail itself of what brains it can in order to rebuild the country and raise the standard of living of the population.

25X1X 3. From innumerable conversations and the expressed attitude of the two officer elements described above, [ ] the impression that sooner or later there will be an attempt by the Russian Army to take the leadership of the State. The most important consideration to remember in this connection is the loyal adherence to Stalin of both the civilian officers and the regular army officers. They regard him on the one hand as the head of the Russian State, and, on the other, as the Supreme Commander of the Russian Army. Russian officers claim, however, that Stalin's sympathies are moving more towards the military clique.

25X1X 4. The fact that the above attitudes were freely discussed [ ] shows  
25X1X [ ] the extent of the cleavage.

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